

**Chapter 43.135 RCW**  
**STATE EXPENDITURES LIMITATIONS**

(Formerly Tax revenue limitations)

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**RCW 43.135.010**  
**Findings -- Intent.**

The people of the state of Washington hereby find and declare:

(1) The continuing increases in our state tax burden and the corresponding growth of state government is contrary to the interest of the people of the state of Washington.

(2) It is necessary to limit the rate of growth of state government while assuring adequate funding of essential services, including basic education as defined by the legislature.

(3) The current budgetary system in the state of Washington lacks stability. The system

encourages crisis budgeting and results in cutbacks during lean years and overspending during surplus years.

(4) It is therefore the intent of this chapter to:

(a) Establish a limit on state expenditures that will assure that the growth rate of state expenditures does not exceed the growth rate of inflation and state population;

(b) Assure that local governments are provided funds adequate to render those services deemed essential by their citizens;

(c) Assure that the state does not impose responsibility on local governments for new programs or increased levels of service under existing programs unless the costs thereof are paid by the state;

(d) Provide for adjustment of the limit when costs of a program are transferred between the state and another political entity;

(e) Establish a procedure for exceeding this limit in emergency situations;

(f) Provide for voter approval of tax increases; and

(g) Avoid overfunding and underfunding state programs by providing stability, consistency, and long-range planning.

[1994 c 2 § 1 (Initiative Measure No. 601, approved November 2, 1993); 1980 c 1 § 1 (Initiative Measure No. 62, approved November 6, 1979).]

## **RCW 43.135.025**

**General fund expenditure limit -- Computation -- Annual limit adjustment -- Definitions -- Emergency exception -- State treasurer duty, penalty -- State expenditure limit committee.**

(1) The state shall not expend from the general fund during any fiscal year state moneys in excess of the state expenditure limit established under this chapter.

(2) Except pursuant to a declaration of emergency under RCW [43.135.035](#) or pursuant to an appropriation under RCW [43.135.045](#)(4)(b), the state treasurer shall not issue or redeem any check, warrant, or voucher that will result in a state general fund expenditure for any fiscal year in excess of the state expenditure limit established under this chapter. A violation of this subsection constitutes a violation of RCW 43.88.290 and shall subject the state treasurer to the penalties provided in RCW 43.88.300.

(3) The state expenditure limit for any fiscal year shall be the previous fiscal year's state expenditure limit increased by a percentage rate that equals the fiscal growth factor.

(4) For purposes of computing the state expenditure limit for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1995, the phrase "the previous fiscal year's state expenditure limit" means the total state

expenditures from the state general fund, not including federal funds, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1989, plus the fiscal growth factor. This calculation is then computed for the state expenditure limit for fiscal years 1992, 1993, 1994, and 1995, and as required under RCW [43.135.035](#)(4).

(5) A state expenditure limit committee is established for the purpose of determining and adjusting the state expenditure limit as provided in this chapter. The members of the state expenditure limit committee are the director of financial management, the attorney general or the attorney general's designee, and the chairs of the senate committee on ways and means and the house of representatives committee on appropriations. All actions of the state expenditure limit committee taken pursuant to this chapter require an affirmative vote of at least three members.

(6) Each November, the state expenditure limit committee shall adjust the expenditure limit for the preceding fiscal year based on actual expenditures and known changes in the fiscal growth factor and then project an expenditure limit for the next two fiscal years. If, by November 30th, the state expenditure limit committee has not adopted the expenditure limit adjustment and projected expenditure limit as provided in subsection (5) of this section, the attorney general or his or her designee shall adjust or project the expenditure limit, as necessary.

(7) "Fiscal growth factor" means the average of the sum of inflation and population change for each of the prior three fiscal years.

(8) "Inflation" means the percentage change in the implicit price deflator for the United States for each fiscal year as published by the federal bureau of labor statistics.

(9) "Population change" means the percentage change in state population for each fiscal year as reported by the office of financial management.

[2000 2nd sp.s. c 2 § 1; 1994 c 2 § 2 (Initiative Measure No. 601, approved November 2, 1993).]

## **NOTES:**

**Effective date -- 2000 2nd sp.s. c 2:** "This act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect July 1, 2000." [2000 2nd sp.s. c 2 § 4.]

## **RCW 43.135.035**

**Tax legislation -- Conditions and restrictions -- Ballot title -- Declarations of emergency -- Taxes on intangible property -- Expenditure limit to reflect program cost shifting or fund transfer.**

(1) After July 1, 1995, any action or combination of actions by the legislature that raises state revenue or requires revenue-neutral tax shifts may be taken only if approved by a two-thirds vote of each house, and then only if state expenditures in any fiscal year, including the new revenue, will not exceed the state expenditure limits established under this chapter.

(2)(a) If the legislative action under subsection (1) of this section will result in expenditures in

excess of the state expenditure limit, then the action of the legislature shall not take effect until approved by a vote of the people at a November general election. The office of financial management shall adjust the state expenditure limit by the amount of additional revenue approved by the voters under this section. This adjustment shall not exceed the amount of revenue generated by the legislative action during the first full fiscal year in which it is in effect. The state expenditure limit shall be adjusted downward upon expiration or repeal of the legislative action.

(b) The ballot title for any vote of the people required under this section shall be substantially as follows:

"Shall taxes be imposed on . . . . . in order to allow a spending increase above last year's authorized spending adjusted for inflation and population increases?"

(3)(a) The state expenditure limit may be exceeded upon declaration of an emergency for a period not to exceed twenty-four months by a law approved by a two-thirds vote of each house of the legislature and signed by the governor. The law shall set forth the nature of the emergency, which is limited to natural disasters that require immediate government action to alleviate human suffering and provide humanitarian assistance. The state expenditure limit may be exceeded for no more than twenty-four months following the declaration of the emergency and only for the purposes contained in the emergency declaration.

(b) Additional taxes required for an emergency under this section may be imposed only until thirty days following the next general election, unless an extension is approved at that general election. The additional taxes shall expire upon expiration of the declaration of emergency. The legislature shall not impose additional taxes for emergency purposes under this subsection unless funds in the education construction fund have been exhausted.

(c) The state or any political subdivision of the state shall not impose any tax on intangible property listed in RCW 84.36.070 as that statute exists on January 1, 1993.

(4) If the cost of any state program or function is shifted from the state general fund on or after January 1, 1993, to another source of funding, or if moneys are transferred from the state general fund to another fund or account, the state expenditure limit committee, acting pursuant to RCW 43.135.025(5), shall lower the state expenditure limit to reflect the shift. For the purposes of this section, a transfer of money from the state general fund to another fund or account includes any state legislative action taken after July 1, 2000, that has the effect of reducing revenues from a particular source, where such revenues would otherwise be deposited into the state general fund, while increasing the revenues from that particular source to another state or local government account. This subsection does not apply to the dedication or use of lottery revenues under RCW 67.70.240(3) or property taxes under RCW 84.52.068, in support of education or education expenditures.

(5) If the cost of any state program or function is shifted to the state general fund on or after January 1, 2000, from another source of funding, or if moneys are transferred to the state general fund from another fund or account, the state expenditure limit committee, acting pursuant to

RCW [43.135.025](#)(5), shall increase the state expenditure limit to reflect the shift.

[2001 c 3 § 8 (Initiative Measure No. 728, approved November 7, 2000); 2000 2nd sp.s. c 2 § 2; (2002 c 33 § 1 expired June 30, 2003); 1994 c 2 § 4 (Initiative Measure No. 601, approved November 2, 1993).]

**NOTES:**

**Reviser's note:** This section was amended by 2001 c 3 § 8 (Initiative Measure No. 728) without cognizance of its amendment by 2000 2nd sp.s. c 2 § 2. All amendments are incorporated in the publication of this section pursuant to RCW 1.12.025(2). For rule of construction, see RCW 1.12.025(1).

**Short title -- Purpose -- Intent -- Construction -- Severability -- Effective dates -- 2001 c 3 (Initiative Measure No. 728):** See notes following RCW 28A.505.210.

**Effective date -- 2000 2nd sp.s. c 2:** See note following RCW [43.135.025](#).

**RCW 43.135.03901**

**Criminal justice treatment account, violence reduction and drug enforcement account transfers.**

RCW [43.135.035](#)(4) does not apply to the transfers established in RCW 70.96A.350.

[2002 c 290 § 5.]

**NOTES:**

**Effective date -- 2002 c 290 §§ 1, 4-6, 12, 13, 26, and 27:** See note following RCW 70.96A.350.

**Intent -- 2002 c 290:** See note following RCW 9.94A.517.

**Severability -- 2002 c 290:** See RCW 9.94A.924.

**RCW 43.135.045**

**Emergency reserve fund -- Excess balance to education construction fund -- Appropriation conditions -- Transfer of earnings to multimodal transportation account. (*Expires June 30, 2005.*)**

(1) The emergency reserve fund is established in the state treasury. During each fiscal year, the state treasurer shall deposit in the emergency reserve fund all general fund -- state revenues in excess of the state expenditure limit for that fiscal year. Deposits shall be made at the end of each fiscal quarter based on projections of state revenues and the state expenditure limit. The treasurer shall make transfers between these accounts as necessary to reconcile actual annual revenues and the expenditure limit for fiscal year 2000 and thereafter.

(2) The legislature may appropriate moneys from the emergency reserve fund only with approval of at least two-thirds of the members of each house of the legislature, and then only if the appropriation does not cause total expenditures to exceed the state expenditure limit under this chapter.

(3) The emergency reserve fund balance shall not exceed five percent of annual general fund - state revenues as projected by the official state revenue forecast. Any balance in excess of five percent shall be transferred on a quarterly basis by the state treasurer as follows: Seventy-five percent to the student achievement fund hereby created in the state treasury and twenty-five percent to the general fund balance. The treasurer shall make transfers between these accounts as necessary to reconcile actual annual revenues for fiscal year 2000 and thereafter. When per-student state funding for the maintenance and operation of K-12 education meets a level of no less than ninety percent of the national average of total funding from all sources per student as determined by the most recent published data from the national center for education statistics of the United States department of education, as calculated by the office of financial management, further deposits to the student achievement fund shall be required only to the extent necessary to maintain the ninety-percent level. Remaining funds are part of the general fund balance and these funds are subject to the expenditure limits of this chapter.

(4) The education construction fund is hereby created in the state treasury.

(a) Funds may be appropriated from the education construction fund exclusively for common school construction or higher education construction. During the fiscal years beginning July 1, 2003, and ending June 30, 2005, funds may also be used for higher education facilities preservation and maintenance.

(b) Funds may be appropriated for any other purpose only if approved by a two-thirds vote of each house of the legislature and if approved by a vote of the people at the next general election. An appropriation approved by the people under this subsection shall result in an adjustment to the state expenditure limit only for the fiscal period for which the appropriation is made and shall not affect any subsequent fiscal period.

(5) Funds from the student achievement fund shall be appropriated to the superintendent of public instruction strictly for distribution to school districts to meet the provisions set out in the student achievement act. Allocations shall be made on an equal per full-time equivalent student basis to each school district.

(6) Earnings of the emergency reserve fund under RCW 43.84.092(4)(a) shall be transferred quarterly to the multimodal transportation account, except for those earnings that are in excess of thirty-five million dollars each fiscal year. Within thirty days following any fiscal year in which earnings transferred to the multimodal transportation account under this subsection did not total thirty-five million dollars, the state treasurer shall transfer from the emergency reserve fund an amount necessary to bring the total deposited in the multimodal transportation account under this subsection to thirty-five million dollars. The revenues to the multimodal transportation account reflected in this subsection provide ongoing support for the transportation programs of the state. However, it is the intent of the legislature that any new long-term financial support that may be subsequently provided for transportation programs will be used to replace and supplant the revenues reflected in this subsection, thereby allowing those revenues to be returned to the

purposes to which they were previously dedicated. No transfers from the emergency reserve fund to the multimodal fund shall be made during the 2003-05 fiscal biennium.

[2003 1st sp.s. c 26 § 919; 2003 1st sp.s. c 25 § 920. Prior: 2003 1st sp.s. c 26 § 918; (2002 c 33 § 2 expired June 30, 2003); prior: 2001 c 3 § 9 (Initiative Measure No. 728, approved November 7, 2000); 2000 2nd sp.s. c 5 § 1; 2000 2nd sp.s. c 2 § 3; 1994 c 2 § 3 (Initiative Measure No. 601, approved November 2, 1993).]

## NOTES:

**Reviser's note:** This section was amended by 2003 1st sp.s. c 25 § 920 and by 2003 1st sp.s. c 26 § 919, each without reference to the other. Both amendments are incorporated in the publication of this section under RCW 1.12.025(2). For rule of construction, see RCW 1.12.025 (1).

**Expiration date -- 2003 1st sp.s. c 26:** "Sections 918 through 921, 926, and 929 of this act expire June 30, 2005." [2003 1st sp.s. c 26 § 927.]

**Severability -- 2003 1st sp.s. c 26:** "If any provision of this act or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected." [2003 1st sp.s. c 26 § 930.]

**Effective dates -- 2003 1st sp.s. c 26:** "This act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect immediately [June 26, 2003], except for section 919 of this act which takes effect June 30, 2003." [2003 1st sp.s. c 26 § 931.]

**Severability -- Effective date -- 2003 1st sp.s. c 25:** See notes following RCW 19.28.351.

**Expiration date -- 2002 c 33:** "This act expires June 30, 2003." [2002 c 33 § 3.]

**Effective date -- 2002 c 33:** "This act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect immediately [March 13, 2002]." [2002 c 33 § 4.]

**Short title -- Purpose -- Intent -- Construction -- Severability -- Effective dates -- 2001 c 3 (Initiative Measure No. 728):** See notes following RCW 28A.505.210.

**Effective date -- 2000 2nd sp.s. c 2:** See note following RCW [43.135.025](#).

## RCW 43.135.045

**Emergency reserve fund -- Excess balance to education construction fund -- Appropriation conditions -- Transfer of earnings to multimodal transportation account.** (*Effective June 30, 2005.*)

(1) The emergency reserve fund is established in the state treasury. During each fiscal year, the state treasurer shall deposit in the emergency reserve fund all general fund -- state revenues in excess of the state expenditure limit for that fiscal year. Deposits shall be made at the end of each fiscal quarter based on projections of state revenues and the state expenditure limit. The treasurer

shall make transfers between these accounts as necessary to reconcile actual annual revenues and the expenditure limit for fiscal year 2000 and thereafter.

(2) The legislature may appropriate moneys from the emergency reserve fund only with approval of at least two-thirds of the members of each house of the legislature, and then only if the appropriation does not cause total expenditures to exceed the state expenditure limit under this chapter.

(3) The emergency reserve fund balance shall not exceed five percent of annual general fund - state revenues as projected by the official state revenue forecast. Any balance in excess of five percent shall be transferred on a quarterly basis by the state treasurer as follows: Seventy-five percent to the student achievement fund hereby created in the state treasury and twenty-five percent to the general fund balance. The treasurer shall make transfers between these accounts as necessary to reconcile actual annual revenues for fiscal year 2000 and thereafter. When per-student state funding for the maintenance and operation of K-12 education meets a level of no less than ninety percent of the national average of total funding from all sources per student as determined by the most recent published data from the national center for education statistics of the United States department of education, as calculated by the office of financial management, further deposits to the student achievement fund shall be required only to the extent necessary to maintain the ninety-percent level. Remaining funds are part of the general fund balance and these funds are subject to the expenditure limits of this chapter.

(4) The education construction fund is hereby created in the state treasury.

(a) Funds may be appropriated from the education construction fund exclusively for common school construction or higher education construction.

(b) Funds may be appropriated for any other purpose only if approved by a two-thirds vote of each house of the legislature and if approved by a vote of the people at the next general election. An appropriation approved by the people under this subsection shall result in an adjustment to the state expenditure limit only for the fiscal period for which the appropriation is made and shall not affect any subsequent fiscal period.

(5) Funds from the student achievement fund shall be appropriated to the superintendent of public instruction strictly for distribution to school districts to meet the provisions set out in the student achievement act. Allocations shall be made on an equal per full-time equivalent student basis to each school district.

(6) Earnings of the emergency reserve fund under RCW 43.84.092(4)(a) shall be transferred quarterly to the multimodal transportation account, except for those earnings that are in excess of thirty-five million dollars each fiscal year. Within thirty days following any fiscal year in which earnings transferred to the multimodal transportation account under this subsection did not total thirty-five million dollars, the state treasurer shall transfer from the emergency reserve fund an amount necessary to bring the total deposited in the multimodal transportation account under this subsection to thirty-five million dollars. The revenues to the multimodal transportation account reflected in this subsection provide ongoing support for the transportation programs of the state. However, it is the intent of the legislature that any new long-term financial support that may be subsequently provided for transportation programs will be used to replace and supplant the



revenues reflected in this subsection, thereby allowing those revenues to be returned to the purposes to which they were previously dedicated. No transfers from the emergency reserve fund to the multimodal fund shall be made during the 2003-05 fiscal biennium.

[2003 1st sp.s. c 25 § 920. Prior: 2003 1st sp.s. c 26 § 918; (2002 c 33 § 2 expired June 30, 2003); prior: 2001 c 3 § 9 (Initiative Measure No. 728, approved November 7, 2000); 2000 2nd sp.s. c 5 § 1; 2000 2nd sp.s. c 2 § 3; 1994 c 2 § 3 (Initiative Measure No. 601, approved November 2, 1993).]

#### **NOTES:**

**Severability -- Effective date -- 2003 1st sp.s. c 25:** See notes following RCW 19.28.351.

**Expiration date -- Effective date -- 2002 c 33:** See notes following RCW [43.135.035](#).

**Short title -- Purpose -- Intent -- Construction -- Severability -- Effective dates -- 2001 c 3 (Initiative Measure No. 728):** See notes following RCW 28A.505.210.

**Effective date -- 2000 2nd sp.s. c 2:** See note following RCW [43.135.025](#).

#### **RCW 43.135.051**

**Emergency reserve fund -- State investment board authority to invest or manage.**

(1) The state investment board has the full power to invest, reinvest, manage, contract, sell, or exchange investment moneys in the emergency reserve fund. All investment and operating costs associated with the investment of money shall be paid pursuant to RCW 43.33A.160 and 43.84.160. With the exception of these expenses, the earnings from the investment of the money shall be retained by the fund.

(2) All investments made by the state investment board shall be made with the exercise of that degree of judgment and care pursuant to RCW 43.33A.140 and the investment policies established by the state investment board.

(3) As deemed appropriate by the state investment board, moneys in the fund may be commingled for investment with other funds subject to investment by the board.

[1999 c 288 § 1.]

#### **NOTES:**

**Effective date -- 1999 c 288:** "This act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect July 1, 1999." [1999 c 288 § 3.]

#### **RCW 43.135.055**

**Fee increase restriction--Exception.**

(1) No fee may increase in any fiscal year by a percentage in excess of the fiscal growth factor for that fiscal year without prior legislative approval.

(2) This section does not apply to an assessment made by an agricultural commodity commission or board created by state statute or created under a marketing agreement or order under chapter 15.65 or 15.66 RCW, or to the forest products commission, if the assessment is approved by referendum in accordance with the provisions of the statutes creating the commission or board or chapter 15.65 or 15.66 RCW for approving such assessments.

[2001 c 314 § 19; 1997 c 303 § 2; 1994 c 2 § 8 (Initiative Measure No. 601, approved November 2, 1993).]

#### **NOTES:**

**Findings -- Construction -- Severability -- 2001 c 314:** See RCW 15.100.010, 15.100.900, and 15.100.901.

**Findings -- 1997 c 303:** "The legislature finds that Initiative Measure No. 601, adopted by the people of the state of Washington, limits fee increases by requiring that any increases in fees beyond the levels expressly allowed under the initiative receive the prior approval of the legislature. The legislature finds that a more direct system of allowing the people to control fee increases predates Initiative Measure No. 601. This system developed in agricultural communities and provides these communities with direct control of the fees of the agricultural commodity commissions they created to serve them. The system requires those who pay the assessments levied by commodity commissions and boards to approve of assessment increases by referendum. It is at the heart of the statutes and marketing orders and agreements under which agricultural commodity commissions and boards are created. The legislature does not believe that the adoption of Initiative Measure No. 601 was intended to dilute in any manner this more direct control held by the people governed by commodity commissions or boards over the fees they pay in the form of such assessments. Therefore, the legislature defers to this more direct control of these assessments so long as the authority to approve or disapprove of increases in these assessments is by referendum held directly by those who pay them." [1997 c 303 § 1.]

**Effective date -- 1997 c 303 §§ 1-3:** "Sections 1 through 3 of this act are necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the state government and its existing public institutions, and take effect immediately [May 9, 1997]." [1997 c 303 § 9.]

Toll increases in excess of fiscal growth factor: RCW 47.46.120.

#### **RCW 43.135.060**

#### **Prohibition of new or extended programs without full reimbursement -- Transfer of programs -- Determination of costs.**

(1) After July 1, 1995, the legislature shall not impose responsibility for new programs or increased levels of service under existing programs on any political subdivision of the state unless the subdivision is fully reimbursed by the state for the costs of the new programs or increases in service levels. Reimbursement by the state may be made by: (a) A specific appropriation; or (b) increases in state distributions of revenue to political subdivisions occurring after January 1, 1998.

(2) If by order of any court, or legislative enactment, the costs of a federal or local government program are transferred to or from the state, the otherwise applicable state expenditure limit shall be increased or decreased, as the case may be, by the dollar amount of the costs of the program.

(3) The legislature, in consultation with the office of financial management or its successor agency, shall determine the costs of any new programs or increased levels of service under existing programs imposed on any political subdivision or transferred to or from the state.

(4) Subsection (1) of this section does not apply to the costs incurred for voting devices or machines under \*RCW 29.04.200.

[1998 c 321 § 15 (Referendum Bill No. 49, approved November 3, 1998); 1994 c 2 § 5 (Initiative Measure No. 601, approved November 2, 1993); 1990 2nd ex.s. c 1 § 601; 1990 c 184 § 2; 1980 c 1 § 6 (Initiative Measure No. 62, approved November 6, 1979).]

#### **NOTES:**

**\*Reviser's note:** RCW 29.04.200 was recodified as RCW 29A.12.150 pursuant to 2003 c 111 § 2401, effective July 1, 2004.

**Purpose -- Severability -- 1998 c 321:** See notes following RCW 82.14.045.

**Effective dates -- Application -- 1998 c 321 §§ 1-21, 44, and 45:** See note following RCW 82.14.045.

**Referral to electorate -- 1998 c 321 §§ 1-21 and 44-46:** See note following RCW 82.14.045.

**Severability -- 1990 2nd ex.s. c 1:** See note following RCW 82.14.300.

Local government reimbursement claims: RCW 4.92.280.

#### **RCW 43.135.080**

#### **Reenactment and reaffirmation of Initiative Measure No. 601 -- Continued limitations-- Exceptions.**

(1) Initiative Measure No. 601 (chapter 43.135 RCW, as amended by chapter 321, Laws of 1998 and the amendatory changes enacted by section 6, chapter 2, Laws of 1994) is hereby reenacted and reaffirmed. The legislature also adopts chapter 321, Laws of 1998 to continue the general fund revenue and expenditure limitations contained in this chapter 43.135 RCW after this one-time transfer of funds.

(2) RCW [43.135.035](#)(4) does not apply to sections 5 through 13, chapter 321, Laws of 1998.

[1998 c 321 § 14 (Referendum Bill No. 49, approved November 3, 1998).]

#### **NOTES:**

**Purpose -- Severability -- 1998 c 321:** See notes following RCW 82.14.045.

**Effective dates -- Application -- 1998 c 321 §§ 1-21, 44, and 45:** See note following RCW 82.14.045.

**Referral to electorate -- 1998 c 321 §§ 1-21 and 44-46:** See note following RCW 82.14.045.

**RCW 43.135.902**

**Short title -- 1994 c 2.**

This chapter may be known and cited as the taxpayer protection act.

[1994 c 2 § 10 (Initiative Measure No. 601, approved November 2, 1993).]

**RCW 43.135.903**

**Severability -- 1994 c 2.**

If any provision of this act or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected.

[1994 c 2 § 12 (Initiative Measure No. 601, approved November 2, 1993).]

**RCW 43.135.904**

**Effective dates -- 1994 c 2.**

(1) Sections 8 and 13 of this act are necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take effect immediately [December 2, 1993].

(2) Sections 1 through 7 and 9 through 12 of this act shall take effect July 1, 1995.

[1994 c 2 § 14 (Initiative Measure No. 601, approved November 2, 1993).]